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Letter dated 14 July 2000 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Enclosed please find the text of Note Verbale No. HC-27-00, dated 14 July 2000, from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations (see annex), responding to the latter's note No. NV286, dated 8 June 2000 addressed to the Secretary-General by the Permanent Representative of Cuba regarding travel restrictions in the United Nations diplomatic community.

I should be grateful if you would kindly circulate the present letter and the text of the note verbale as a document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

(*Signed*) Robert C. **Moller**
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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations and in reference to the latter's note No. NV286 of 8 June 2000 wishes to clear up apparent misunderstandings on the part of the Permanent Mission regarding travel restrictions in the United Nations diplomatic community.

Representatives of United Nations Member States are provided entry into the United States for the purpose of conducting United Nations business. As the host country for the United Nations, the United States ensures that representatives of members are provided with the necessary privileges and immunities to carry out their functions with the United Nations. Representatives are not impeded from travel for the purpose of conducting United Nations business. The United States, however, has no legal obligation to permit unrestricted travel outside the United Nations Headquarters District for personal reasons or for work not related to the United Nations.

The United States is cognizant of the request in the United Nations General Assembly resolution on the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country that the United States consider removing travel restrictions. The United States looks forward to the time when national security concerns are abated and such restrictions on personal travel will no longer be necessary.

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.